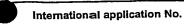
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II Priority						
III Non-establishment of opinion with regard to novelty, inventive step and industrial applicability						
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V Reasoned statement under Article 35(2) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement						
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